

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 12**  
**Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing**  
**July 21, 2011**

Fisheries under consideration:	Recreational sturgeon in The Dalles Pool
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***Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery in The Dalles Pool***

- Under permanent rule, the 2011 Zone 6 (Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam) recreational white sturgeon fishery opened for retention effective January 1. The fishery remains open until the annual guideline for each pool is met. Fishery status for all pools are as follows:

2011 Recreational Sturgeon Harvest in Zone 6				
	Guideline	Catch	Balance	Season
Bonneville Pool	2,000	2,341	-341	Closed July 9
The Dalles Pool	300	220 <sup>a</sup>	80	Ongoing
John Day Pool	500	532	-32	Closed April 10

<sup>a</sup> Through July 17

- Catch rates in The Dalles Pool had been lower than recent years, until the past few weeks when catch and effort began to increase, averaging 1.6 fish per day June 27 – July 3, 3.3 fish per day July 4-10, and 6.3 fish per day July 11-17.
- Considering the balance of harvestable sturgeon remaining on The Dalles Pool guideline and expected catch rates, staff proposes the following season recommendation:

<b><i>2011 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery – The Dalles Pool</i></b>
Effective 12:01 AM Saturday, July 30, retention of white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool is prohibited.

- Projecting catch for this fishery is difficult due to the high variability in angler effort and catch rates as the season progresses.
- Based on observed catch rates during July 11-17, the fishery is expected reach the 300-fish guideline by the proposed closure date. Staff is estimating the catch to range from 6-7 fish per day through next week.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact to consider August mainstem (treaty Indian and non-Indian) and fall Select Area commercial fisheries is scheduled for 10 AM July 28 at the Holiday Inn (204 West Marine Dr.) in Astoria, Oregon.